TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION RATE ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT

June 13, 2018

Proposed Payment Rates for Home and Community-Based Services-Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH)

Payment rates are proposed to be effective July 11, 2018.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES Effective July 11, 2018

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. on June 6, 2018, in the Brown-Heatly Building Public Hearing Room, located at 4900 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas, 75751. Public comments will be received on proposed payment rates for the Home and Community-based Services-Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH) program to be effective July 11, 2018.

HHSC will consider concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing is held in compliance with the provisions Human Resources Code §32.0282 and the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Title 1, §355.105(g), which require a public hearing on proposed payment rates.

PROPOSED RATES

HHSC will propose new hourly payment rate of \$13.81 for HCBS-AMH Enhanced Supervision services to be effective July 11, 2018.

METHODOLGY AND JUSTIFICATION

HHSC rate methodologies for the HCBS-AMH program require that payment rates be determined using a pro-forma analysis when rates are not available from other programs that provide similar services. Rate methodologies can be found at 1 TAC §355.9070(a) for the HCBS-AMH program. HHSC proposes a rate for a new service, enhanced supervision, which serves a HCBS-AMH participant, who temporarily requires more supervision to remain safe in the community beyond what a HCBS-AMH provider agency can furnish through standard HCBS-AMH supervised living services based on their staffing ratio. Consequently, HCBS-AMH has developed an enhanced supervision protocol in which the program reimburses the provider agency for an additional staff member on an hourly basis using flexible funds. Justification for enhanced supervision must be included in the participant's Individual Recovery Plan and authorized by HCBS-AMH.

Please contact the HHSC Rate Analysis Department at (512) 424-6637 or by email at RAD-LTSS@hhsc.state.tx.us should you have any questions regarding the information in this document.